

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti

Confirmation No.: 8298

Application No.: 10/003,996

Attorney Docket No: 780-A02-014-8

Filed: November 15, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3733

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TISSUE  
REMOVAL

Examiner: Mary Hoffman

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.